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The Co-operative Workrooms

FOR HANDICAPPED WOMEN

CHARITY BUILDING

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(In order to meet the State requirements, our Financial year will henceforward begin on the First of October).

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ELEVEN MONTHS, From the 1st November 1921 to 1st October 1922.

Cash on hand, October	
31, 1921	\$ 882.32
Subscriptions	4,972.43
Bank Interest and In-	
vestment Income	205.58
Eaton Memorial Fund	7,986.00
Sales	15,534.06
Sale of \$1,500 2nd L/L	
4¼s (1942)	1,472.02
(Bought at 87.46. Sold at	
98.26. Profit on sale trans-	
ferred to Surplus,	
\$160.12)	
	\$31,052.41
Salaries	\$ 6,931.00
Materials and In-	
cidentals	11,663.25
Wages paid to women	9,419.30
Visiting—Boston Provi-	
dent Association	800.00
	\$28,813.55

Brought Forward	\$28,813.55
Electricity	243.60
Telephone	171.19
Printing and mailing an-	
nual report	35.35
Heating	136.55
Confidential Exchange	25.00
Advertising	11.20
Loss by maturity of City	
of Medford 4½s Aug-	
ust 1, 1922, bought at	
a premium	2.50
Workroom Special Loan	
Account:	
Paid by Treasurer	
for working capi-	
tal	\$2,000.00
Less Advances	
to Workroom	922.30
Cash on hand September	
30, 1922	535.77
	\$31,052.41

387 women applied or were referred to us during the year. Of these, 206 were **NEW women** who appealed to us for help during the **ELEVEN months**. The crest of the wave of greatest unemployment had just passed by, but it left us with a large number of cases which needed prolonged help by wages.

We paid out in wages during the **ELEVEN months** \$9419.30; equivalent to \$10275.00 in **TWELVE months**, and almost **\$800. more** than in the previous year.

At the same time our **annual subscriptions** were severely **depressed** by the bad times in the business and financial world. Therefore we had to make an inroad on the \$3000. which we had preserved as a nucleus for an endowment fund and, had it not been for two generous and unexpected gifts which will never recur again, we should have still further reduced our very small reserve.

Our work shows an increasing tendency towards development along the lines of training with a view to placement in industry. We have done very interesting work with handicapped persons sent to us by the Massachusetts General and other hospitals, State Departments, and private agencies, and our department for the training and placement of young girls has shown gratifying results.

A new undertaking this year has been the selling of our goods at the various **Settlement Houses** of Metropolitan Boston. The Houses have been most kind in supplying us with a room and in distributing our advertising and we have supplied the salespeople from among our workers. This enables us to provide the people in the neighborhoods of the various Houses with well-made garments at the lowest possible price and at the same time provides extra work both in selling and sewing, for our own people. Although there are inevitable expenses of transportation, advertising, etc. the results are so gratifying that we hope to extend the work during the coming year.

It is absolutely true that the greatest value of our work does **not** appear in dollars and cents. Its real value lies in what we are doing in women's lives and hearts, in renewing their courage and their sense of personal responsibility. Singularly enough! a very beautiful and unexpected proof of this has quite lately occurred in the workrooms. An old woman whom we have employed, off and on, during five years, announced to us one day that she was going to be married to an old and lonely friend about her own age, who is comfortably off. She begged to have her wedding service in our rooms because we all were her dearest friends.

Immediately after the religious ceremony she asked leave to say a few words. Then, turning to Miss Newton and the Staff, she said quite simply "I doubt whether any of you quite realize what you are always doing for us women by your spirit of kindness and helpfulness which pervades the whole Rooms. I have every morning felt the happiness and friendship of it as I entered the Rooms; and the spoken personal "Good Morning" has been so welcome to us all. I wanted to tell you this before I leave."

THIS IS THE WORK FOR WHICH WE APPEAL TO EVERY ONE TO HELP!

WE NEED A LARGER INCOME to do the work as it should be done, and the need for the work itself is great.

WE NEED AN ENDOWMENT FUND to give stability. We have now considerably under \$2000; for we had to spend some of it this year to save the women.

Here is a simple form for use in making a bequest:—

I give and bequeath the sum of \$ to
THE COOPERATIVE WORKROOMS, in Boston, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts.

FINALLY, WE NEED A LARGER CIRCLE OF ACQUAINTANCES AND FRIENDS. The more we have the more customers we are bound to have. One of our most serious problems is the selling of the goods we make—which range from dish towels at \$2.50 per dozen to Italian hand-worked table cloths at \$20 or more each. Please read the little folder enclosed and see if you cannot use some of our products.

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